

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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CONCORD, NH 03301**

MEETING MINUTES –April 7, 2008

The April 7, 2008 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners convened at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Eliot L. Paisner, DMD, President
Neil S. Hiltunen, DMD, Vice President
Gerald A. Smith, DMD
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD
Linda M. Seedner, RDH
Stacy A. Plourde, RDH
Charles F. Post, DMD
Ronald J. Hrinda, DMD

Absent: Hon. Vivian Desmarais, Public Member

The Board approved the minutes of March 3, 2008 as amended.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Statutes and Rules

a. Statutory Proposals

- 1) HB 1208 Independent Dental Hygiene Practice – Voted inexpedient to legislate;
- 2) SB 393 Independent Dental Hygiene Practice – Tabled by the Senate;
- 3) HB 1487 Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner – House passed amended bill. The bill would create a commission to study ways of improving access to oral health care; and
- 4) SB 404 Dental Residencies – This bill has been passed by the Senate and is now before the full House. The bill, if passed, will make it easier to establish dental residencies in New Hampshire.

b. Rule Proposals

- 1) Rules 2008-I – This package of rules is in the rule making process.

2. Board Lists – The Board voted to place the Board's disciplinary history on its website. The Board also voted to provide lists of active and inactive licensees electronically.

3. Professional Assistance Program – The Board has begun the process of establishing a professional assistance program pursuant to RSA 317-A:4 I (e).
4. Biennial Registration Update – The registration period ended on March 31, 2008. Those who register during April, 2008 will be subject to a late fee. Licenses will lapse on May 1, 2008, if the application has not been received. Those who wish to reinstate active licensure must pass the dental jurisprudence test, pay an application fee, registration fee and late fee, and submit an application. Character references, letters of good standing and school verification will not be required since they are on file with the Board, as are national, regional and state examination scores.
5. Dental Assisting Subcommittee Report – The Board established an ad hoc subcommittee to address the radiology training of students enrolled in a recently established dental assisting training program. Dental administrative rule Den 302.05 (g) (2) states that any dental assistant, other than a dental assistant who has graduated from an accredited school of dental assisting, shall have 6 months work experience in clinical dental assisting in order to qualify to take a radiology course. The subcommittee recommended that the rule not be amended. The Board voted to accept the recommendation and will advise the supervisors of the program of the requirement.
6. Teeth Whitening – The Board voted to refer this issue for further investigation.
7. Informational
 - a. Thank you Note
 - b. Ethics Course
 - c. Dental School Study
 - d. AADE Composite
 - e. RSA Commentary
 - f. Meeting Dates
 - g. Registration Failures

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

1. Hygiene Applications Approved

Vanessa M. Divincenzo, RDH

2. Dental Applications Approved

Kerry H. Wu, DMD
Mohammad H. Hassan, DMD
Keith A. Dressler, DMD
James W. Koglin, DDS
Yong-Han Koo, DDS
Patrick B. Vaughan, DDS

Members of the Board voted unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

Members of the Board voted unanimously to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3 and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Raymond J. Jarvis, DMD
Executive Secretary